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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: IVORY COAST TO ESTABLISH NEW EMBASSIES

1. ACCORDING TO FONMIN BUDGET AND PERSONNEL OFFICIAL, GOIC ON VERGE OF ANNOUNCING ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE NEW EMBASSIES (AND PRESUMABLY NAMING AMBASSADORS). ONE WILL BE IN CAIRO, ANOTHER IN BUCHAREST, AND THE THIRD HE DID NOT DISCLOSE. ASKED IF THE THIRD COULD BE PEKING, HE SAID NO, THERE IS NO CHANGE IN GOIC POLICY ON THAT ISSUE.

2. TUNISIAN EMBOFF CLAIMS THAT REASON FOR FONMIN ADVISOR GHOULEM BERRAH'S LATEST TRIP TO ALGIERS APRIL 19 PROBABLY HAS TO DO WITH ESTABLISHING TIMETABLE OF EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES . (BOTH NOW HAVE MISSIONS HEADED BY CHARGE'S). HE SAID ALGERIANS HERE ARE AWAITING ANNOUNCEMENT NAMING NEW GOA ENVOY AT ANY MOMENT.

3. COMMENT: ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY CAIRO WILL FINALLY PUT AN END TO EGYPTIAN COMPLAINTS--HIGHLIGHTED WITH RECENT ARRIVAL OF NEW EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR--THAT TIES WITH IVORY COAST AFTER EIGHT YEARS SEEM TO BE ONE-WAY AFFAIR. EMBASSY IN ROMANIA WILL BE FIRST IN ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRY AND WOULD BE LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP TO
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HOUPHOUET'S HINTS IN RECENT YEARS THAT IVORY COAST PREPARED TO BROADEN ITS RELATIONS, AS WELL AS TO TRADE MISSION GOIC SENT TO

EASTERN EUROPE LAST MAY-JUNE. OUR FONMIN INFORMANT STATED THAT
BUCHAREST CHOSEN BECAUSE IT MOST MODERATE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES;
HE SAID GOIC LED TO TAKE THIS STEP BY ITS GENUINE DESIRE TO
INCREASE TRADE WITH REGION.
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